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## Lighting Violation Leads to Drug Arrest

On June 29, 2006, at approximately 10:25 pm, Trooper Jennifer Ortiz stopped a vehicle for a defective brake light and failing to signal a lane change.

Trooper Ortiz made contact with the driver, identified as Jennifer R. Gaul, a 34 year old resident of Vancouver. Ms. Gaul's had a 4 year old female passenger in the car.

A driver's check revealed Gaul had a confirmed misdemeanor warrant for her arrest (Negligent Driving-CCSO). Trooper Ortiz took Gaul into custody and search locating a small plastic baggy containing a white crystal substance (3.1 grams of Methamphetamine) in a pocket of her jeans. Ms. Gaul originally denied knowing the Methamphetamine was in the borrowed jeans, but later admitted the baggy belonged to her. No other drugs and/or contraband were found when the Ford was searched.

The child was released to a family member of the child's family.

Ms. Gaul was booked in the Clark County Jail for Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) and the Misdemeanor Warrant.

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